

Daily Eagle

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THE EAGLE NOT ALONE, AND RIGHT.

The American republic has stood for expansion from the start, and along many lines. Our country's map is not the only thing that has continuously expanded. As a people, we have expanded mentally, and materially, and with every kind and character of expansion has come greatness and a distinctive superiority.

The Lawrence Journal wants it known that the Eagle is not the only paper that has stood for the annexation of Cuba.

Whatever may be the final disposition of the Philippines, however doubtful our own conclusion as to the wisdom of annexing the Orient archipelago of a thousand islands and their ten millions of mixed Asiatic bloods, there has never been a question in our mind as to Cuba and Canada. Uncle Sam not only needs these contiguous territories in his business, but for overflow receptacles, for fields for promoters and enterprises, and for a thousand and one other reasons, the greatest of which is these territories in being an integral part, geographically, must be made so in all other respects. From the day that President McKinley ordered the ports of Cuba blocked, the Eagle has stood for annexation as the legitimate and logical outcome, whatever the balance of the world might say. As for the inhabitants of Cuba, within the briefest period that island will be dominated by citizens of the United States, whose interests and holdings in the island will be paramount. And what a boon to the native inhabitants will such annexation prove to be. As for Canada, it is a part of this country, is of this country, geographically, commercially and racially. The ordinary line of states and monuments marking the boundaries between countries cannot exist between the United States and Canada, for the reason that the imaginary line runs through the center of a string of lakes, whose waters are one day in Canada and the next day within the United States. The majority cannot be a clump, or otherwise he would cut loose from the tax-ridden and rotten royalty rule of two thousand miles beyond the seas, and tie up, politically and commercially, with the United States, and as soon as a vote could be had and the necessary formal papers made out and signed.

Following are the words of the Journal to which we allude:

"There is a disposition on the part of some newspapers of the state to say the Wichita Eagle for the determination to annex Cuba. The Journal wants it understood that the Eagle is not alone in that determination. The Journal announced immediately after the Maine was blown up that the incident would not be closed until Cuba was a part of the United States. It has never retracted that assertion, and has never wavered in its idea that annexation was the best thing for both countries, and the only logical end to the struggle for the absolute freedom of Cuba. Cuba will be free in name only until it is a part of the United States. It is looked upon by the world today as a part of this country in everything but name. On the island there will never be complete peace, harmony and lasting prosperity until annexation comes. The Eagle is right, eternally right, in its advocacy of annexation, and it will not be many years until its contention will be conceded, and Cuba will become a state of the Union."

NEW INNINGS FOR THE MANDINGO.

It is suspected by some that all this talk of newly discovered routes for an isthmian canal is inspired by the railroads who expect by pulling for this route and standing for another and yet suggesting greater advantages for a third is for the purpose of complicating the situation to the end of delay. The Mandingo route is now the rage and here are some of the advantages claimed for this newest route over the others. It is asserted that it is shorter than the Panama route by about thirteen miles, its entire length being less than thirty miles. It is as straight as a road. It terminates in two perfect natural harbors, large and deep enough for the greatest vessels. It is a sea-level canal, and consequently has no locks, tide gates nor dams, but is essentially a part of the water system of the world, through which shipping can pass without hindrance or delay. Three years will be sufficient time for its construction. Its capacity would allow the passage of 258 ships per day under a headway of one mile. The time of transit for steamships under their own steam in the open cuts and by trolley—which is the means of propulsion proposed through the tunnel—would be three and a half hours for ships not using their own power; the time by trolley towage would be five hours. The distance to all south Pacific ports is shorter than by other routes; to north Pacific and Indian ports the certainty and rapidity of transit would give this route a time advantage which more than balances its slight disadvantage in distance. Constructed through primitive rock, its banks will not wash and there can be no silt; this is claimed to be a great advantage in a country where every rain is practically a cloudburst, where streams rise with frightful rapidity.

ENGLAND'S BIG BEEF SCANDAL.

Anything but reassuring are the disclosures made and hinted at, nowadays, regarding the management of the purchasing departments of the British army. Already sharp discussion, not to say acrid debate, has begun over grievances touching the "conduct of the war" in South Africa.

It is understood in London that the new contract for the supply of meat was first resold at \$50,000 premium and then at \$200,000, while Cecil Rhodes and the De Beers group handed over \$1,000,000, and thus finally secured the privilege of supplying the troops in South Africa with fresh meat. That much excitement should exist over the scandals suggested as flourishing under the Broderick regime may be understood very readily.

The British public are awfully sick of the whole Boer business. There is not enough profit or margin in the entire Transvaal region, gold mines and all, to remunerate the empire. Fraudulent contracts and threatened conscription and the fear that the worst is to come is well nigh prostrating British confidence.

THE BILLS OF MCKINLEY'S DOCTORS.

"Case and Comment," a lawyers' publication of high standing, in its last issue takes up the question of the government paying the doctors for their services or attendance upon the late President. Who thought the views expressed by the Eagle as being extreme, will have to reconsider after having read the following summing up:

of the matter from the view-point of a lawyers' magazine, which goes on to say:

"The claim that the government ought to pay a large sum of money to the doctors who were in attendance upon President McKinley at the time of his death has been made with considerable earnestness. One or more of these physicians, as reported by the press, has talked somewhat volubly about the justice of the claim, as if the government were under a strong moral, if not legal, obligation to pay the demand. It is, of course, obvious that there is not the slightest shadow of reason for asserting any legal obligation, and there is little more to support a moral obligation.

"The chief reason advanced in favor of an alleged moral obligation is that the physicians are entitled to so great a sum of money that the estate of the deceased President ought not to be subjected to its payment, and therefore the government ought to pay it. It is contended that in taking charge of the case under circumstances which focused the attention of the whole people upon them they ran the risk of great injury to their reputation in case they were unsuccessful, and therefore ought to have compensation in proportion to the risk. But, on the other hand, the opportunity to gain great prominence and reputation in case of success would induce any skillful physician to accept the responsibility, and be glad to do it. It does not appear that any of these physicians were reluctant to take the case. It may well be doubted if there is one of them that would not have been glad to take the case without any compensation whatever, not merely from patriotic motives, but for the advancement of his own professional interests.

"There can be only one respectable reason for the payment of these physicians by the government. That is to relieve Mrs. McKinley from any burden or anxiety in respect to their claim. That is to say, the obligation, if any, is solely toward her, and not at all toward the physicians.

"The amount to which the physicians in this case are entitled is a question on which opinions will differ very widely. There is nothing in the result of their work to entitle them to any extraordinary sum. The President's death may not have been due to their fault, but it cannot be denied that they were lamentably ignorant of his condition until a short time before he died. Their bulletins had given the country reason to believe, and inconceivably showed their own belief, that the President was on the high road to recovery. On their assurances the Vice President and members of the Cabinet had dispersed in the confident belief that the President was nearly, if not quite, out of danger. If it were possible that the fatal work was going on so secretly in the President's wounded body that physicians of proper skill could not detect it, they ought at least to have known of that possibility. That they erred in supposing that the President was well enough to take solid food also seems to be clear. The best that can be said of them on this point seems to be that this error did not contribute to the fatal result. But in any view of the case, there is no escape from the conclusion that for a considerable period they were completely deceived by the President's apparent improvement, and entirely ignorant of the fatal processes that were at work and rapidly bringing him nearer to death. Under those circumstances, while it may be proper for the government to appropriate a moderate sum of money to compensate these physicians, in order to relieve Mrs. McKinley from any liability to them, it would seem most becoming to them to be very modest in their claims."

THE SANTA FE'S PRESIDENT ON THE CANAL.

President Ripley of the Santa Fe, in discussing the prospects for his road for the present year, incidentally delivers himself of an opinion touching the isthmian canal. He says that he is looking forward to a very prosperous year for the Santa Fe. In his own words: "Our earnings for January and February will be greater than for the same months last year. There is no real trouble to cut out profits, as there was then. In other matters the road promises well—very well. I may say we have made new arrangements for our trans-Pacific trade, giving up our own line and using all the Pacific lines that run into San Francisco. The traffic will not be distributed among these lines on any settled basis, but will go to whatever ships are most convenient at the time. We think the arrangement will result in more prompt service and delivery across the ocean. The canal is a question of the future, and of the distant future, if I am correct in my opinion. The government estimates that it will consume ten years in building and cost \$200,000,000. It is a notorious fact that it is safe to double the government figures on such undertakings. If that canal is finished inside of twenty years and for less than \$400,000,000, it will be a surprise to many who should know. As to its effect on transcontinental lines, that is too far away to be considered. Great changes can come in twenty, or even ten years, so the effect upon railways in general, and Santa Fe in particular, is problematical. Just now the people at large are very enthusiastic over the matter, but I am content to be one of the minority."

After the third bullet had pushed its way through the hat of the commander of the Crespo, he ordered the white flag up and surrendered unconditionally. This is by far the greatest conflict of the Colombian war. The man's hat is completely ruined.

Mark Hanna is not pleased with the engagement of his daughter. But Mack will crowd his ambition down. He is smart enough to know that while he might boss the nation, he can't boss his own family.

The Federalists of the Philippines want to become an integral part of the United States. Well, not yet. The Federalists will have to go away back and be apportioned.

The yacht, Hohenzollern, arrived one day before New York expected her. A thing like this makes New York scream out with hysterics.

Kentucky should wipe out that Quarter House, where fifty-nine people have been killed, and turn the ground into a graveyard.

Professor Pearson will also withdraw from the Methodist church. Professor Pearson is taking himself seriously.

The difference between the mountain regions of Kentucky and interior Bulgaria is not visible to the naked eye.

Kipling hasn't said anything for a month, and he will not until he thinks the public is becoming forgetful.

Miss Stone is having excitement and to spare. The brigands are now fighting over her possession.

A riot at an Italian carnival lasted six hours and was nearly as fierce as a Bulgarian funeral.

We will now hear a great deal about Admiral Von Balthasar.

Silverton says the Chinese must go, and what Silverton says goes.

Senator Teller is still making that same old speech. Japan and England have set the brakes on Russia.

THE WAYS OF WOMEN. A SKETCH.

It was the middle of the night and past. There was an awful scream. There was the sound of a dull, sickening thud as if a body had fallen. Then silence. I sprang up in the dark and listened. What I heard was the voices of the two yellow-haired girls in the room next to mine. They seemed to be crying.

Perhaps some one was trying to kill them. Perhaps, taken with sudden fury, they were trying to kill each other. Ordinarily they were exceedingly affectionate and sisterly, but anything might happen in the middle of the night.

I threw on a kimono, rushed to my door, unlocked it, ran into the hall and knocked at the door.

"Who are you?" they questioned in sepulchral tones muffled with fear, and the little one added in a hoarse whisper: "Are you a burglar?"

"Not that anybody knows of," I replied. "It is I! It is I!" and I revealed my name.

They carefully opened the door wide enough to disclose the disheveled head and four bright blue eyes extraordinarily dimly stared at that time of night.

"What was it?" they asked. Leaving the girls I went to the hall and found a procession of people coming and going, and a man in a white coat and a woman in a black dress were talking to a man in a white coat and a woman in a black dress.

"This is where we need the help of a man," and I thought that in spite of her size and strength and height her voice had a tremble in it, indicative of fright.

At the same moment there came down from the upper region a tall man curiously clad in a bath robe of fantastic stripes corded tightly about his waist.

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OUTLINES OF OKLAHOMA.

In Oklahoma, the charter of the M. K. T. road is under the name of the M. K. T. John Dillon is to have the naming of his own deputies. And that is the proper thing.

Garbrie, which is stirring a big boom up in the children, will give \$250,000 bonus in all to new railroads.

John Stink and Caspe Indian, bears the distinction of being able to eat a peck of apples at one sitting.

It seems to be unanimous that the insane asylum and the penitentiary are to be located in the Strip.

Fort Reno. It is evidently intended by the national board, will be one of the permanent forts of the country.

As soon as the campaign gets good and started in Oklahoma the harmony experts will have a thing or two to say.

Some of the Democrats down in Pottawatomie county are demanding the primary election on congressional delegate.

The N. L. T. ranch of Texas, is said to be the biggest of its kind in the world, twenty-five miles wide and two hundred miles long.

The Ponca City Courier noting that a yacht was given the bride at the Haystack wedding, notes that the Oklahoma bride is usually given a snack.

At Pawhuska, Sunday night, a man held up two Indian women with a club and robbed them of \$20 in cash. It was the first appearance of the footpad in Pawhuska.

Mysterious country correspondence in the Alva Pioneer: "The holiness brethren are holding a series of meetings, and by the actions of some of the old possessors of the neighborhood we are reminded of the text, 'and Satan came also.'"

The Shawnee Commercial club has adopted a memorial to congress for stogie stashed, in which "demagogues" and "political parasites" appears frequently. Demagogues are usually given a mighty easy job when it comes to senatorial and representative waste-baskets.

The Kild Eagle points out that the following appointments have gone to Kiamichi county: Secretary of the territory; assistant secretary; superintendent of the insane asylum; grain inspector; treasurer of the board of health; pointer judge of Kiowa county; attorney of Comanche county; board of board of dental examiners; two school land appraisers; assistant coal oil inspector, and attorney general.

El Reno Bell: "There'll be very little trouble or expense in getting right of way from the Logan county line to El Reno for the Katy line. A visitor at the office today from Racine said that he would gladly give right of way through his place, and also contribute \$100 in cash to have the road run in his neighborhood. He says his neighbors feel the same way."

Shawnee Quill: T. C. Brickell, who lives near McCloud, has a flock of nearly 500 Angora goats which he says are the real thing as exterminators of rag-weed and brush. It may be added that the Angora goat has none of that offensive odor characteristic of the common Hilly.

Rob Neff, on a custom of the noble and man and the lecture on his high cheek: "A writer in the New York Sun attempts to explain why the Indians paint their faces and huses it upon a very pretty romance. With all due respect to the author of the article in the New York Sun, we are forced to take issue with him. There are a great many traditions among the Indians, we are free to confess, and having spent our early boyhood days among them, and being of Indian extraction, we are familiar with a great many of their traditions. The unadorned Indian never wears a hat, and the only thing he wears is a bald-headed blanket Indian. The original object in painting his face was to protect him from the sun's rays, and his vanity led him into selecting costly colors and unique designs, and the young duds warrior thus could device the most colorful and gaudiest designs, was the master of the tribe. This face-painting among the Indians originated through necessity, but at the present time is simply a matter of custom."

ALONG THE KANSAS NILE.

Part of Troutman's plan, it is said, is to organize Troutman campaign clubs all over the first district.

Mrs. Minnie Walkup, once of Emporia, is to go on a holiday for a few days and to visit her mother in Chicago.

J. W. Gled made a Lincoln Day address in New York. Phil Campbell in Chicago, and Frank Nelson in Denver.

A big first floor joint, with mosquito netting over the mirrors and towels nailed to the bar is opening up in Emporia.

Jim Howe, of the Atchison Globe, has been offered, by telegraph, a place on the local staff of a Washington daily, at \$5 a week.

At Emporia, Eaton-Thompson, initiated the quick of a flock of teal so ably that a man in the audience went home for his rubber boots and a gun.

The Atchison Globe says that James Curly, of Oak Mills, who has only one arm, is the best wood-chopper there. The best man in Wichita has no hands.

A dispatch from Emporia says that a western Kansas is selling buffalo grass seed. The dispatch asserts that buffalo grass has never been known to go to seed.

At Emporia John Wiggam has some black squirrels. He says Eaton-Thompson came along he went to see them, took their feet and took a copy of their tracks.

There is only one thing the old Kansas absolutely agree upon, the extraordinary ability of Sam Wood